

BRYAN'S DAUGHTER HOPES TO BE FREE

Divorce Suit Is Climax of
"Romance" Opposed by
Both Her Parents.

YOUNG GIRL SEES LIFE'S SEAMY SIDE

Dragged About Denver in "Bohemian" Way Until Father Rescues Her and Children.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 28.—An emigrant of William J. Bryan is now on his way to France—he may be there by this time—for the purpose of seeing Mr. Bryan's son-in-law in regard to a divorce suit about to be brought by Ruth Bryan Leavitt. The object, it is said, is to agree upon a settlement.

Mrs. William Homer Leavitt, who, in spite of her hectic married experience, is still a girl in experience and years, has established a residence in Colorado for the purpose. It is understood, of bringing a divorce suit under the liberal laws of that State. It is not merely a paper residence. Mrs. Leavitt spends probably two-thirds of her time in the State, the remainder being spent with her parents at Lincoln, Neb.

In Colorado, which is a State where women vote, Mrs. Leavitt is reasonably prominent. She is president of the principal woman's Democratic club in Denver, and her brilliant and witty manner, and her brilliant figure among the bright women of that State, though she has never given the least countenance to anything of the "suffragette" order.

The divorce suit which she is about to bring, marks the end of one of the most interesting "romances" of modern American life. A "romance," in modern newspaper lexicons, is a marriage where the girl defies the wishes of her parents. Ruth Bryan's marriage corresponded to the definition.

Paints Bryan's portrait. She was a self-willed, beautiful, brilliant, and foolish girl of seventeen. An artist named Leavitt came to Lincoln to paint her father's portrait. He was twice her age and more, nearly the age of her father, but good looking, clever, and with a slap-dash way with him that fascinated the imagination of the schoolgirl.

Ruth Bryan was the most popular and brilliant pupil in the college at Lincoln. She had a reputation as an after-dinner speaker that would put Simon Ford in his palmist days to shame. Her essays gave promise of a striking future, though her foot was on the bottom rung of the freshman class.

Leavitt had traveled over the world, and brought to the quiet home in Lincoln a report of what was to be seen in big towns. It opened a new world to Ruth Bryan, and she announced her determination to marry him.

Mr. Bryan, who, with all his idealism, shrinks from a close application of it, and is practical enough at heart, warned his daughter well against the marriage, and did all he could to prevent it. So did Mrs. Bryan.

Ruth is self-willed. But Ruth was too self-willed to permit an interference. She had to wait for her eighteenth birthday, because her father and mother had legal control of her up to that time, but on that very day she was married.

Mrs. Bryan absented herself from the ceremony. She would not lend herself to the horror of seeing her beloved daughter marry a man who, in the devoted mother's view, was unworthy of her. Mrs. Bryan spent the marriage day weeping in her room.

Mr. Bryan manifested more heroism. He attended the wedding, though every curious guest marked on his face the grief it cost him. He was silent and inactive. At the close he came and pressed a formal kiss on his daughter's brow, and then went disconsolately out to join his grief-stricken wife.

Then the ill-starred married life began. Leavitt had no money, but that was a defect the Bryans might have remedied for the irreparable defects of his temperament. He had color of a red clown, and he dragged his sweet young wife through Denver's slushy streets when he could find no better place at good hotels. At last her eyes were opened and she left him.

Children in Squalor. A year ago W. J. Bryan found that his two grandchildren, Bryan and Ruth, were living in squalor in miserable places in Denver, and he went there and rescued them and their mother. The outcome was the Colorado residence and the suit for divorce.

Leavitt has been living in Paris all this time. Ruth Leavitt is as sweet a girl as ever poet celebrated. She is twenty-four now, but she does not look a day over seventeen, and the presence of two children, one of four and the other of three, seems almost like a joke.

Her mouth is like a wide, and that is the only defect in her face, but that mouth is so sweet and sensitive, that it seems to lend an additional beauty to her countenance. Her color is delicate and fine, and her features lovely. She is so quick and witty that her cleverness is a proverb west of the Missouri. The Republican matrons of Nebraska delight to boom her, even though their partisanship compels them to stand out stanchly against her father.

Her Beautiful Children. When you see Ruth Leavitt dancing down the hill of Fairview, with the fairy-like little cream puff, who is her daughter, and the sturdy little man-of-all-work, who is her son, each held by a hand, you are seeing one of the prettiest sights in Nebraska. Her skirts are not unduly long, her face is alight with the joy of life, and the two children are the most appealing things in human form that have ever got into life that side of the Mississippi. Grace Bryan, her sister, is only seventeen, but much more dignified and stately. It would not be hard to imagine Miss Grace as the married woman, settled and settled, and Mrs. Leavitt as the girl of seventeen, just out of school.

Nevertheless, Ruth Leavitt has undergone a world of experience in her partnership with the man who is now arriving at the end of it may have reason to congratulate herself. The divorce suit was contemplated long ago, and it was decided that it should be brought as soon as the campaign was over, no matter which way the election turned. As long as the campaign was actually on, Mr. Bryan could not afford to have the suit brought. The residence in Colorado, however, was established long ago for this specific purpose.

The grounds of the suit will be cruelty and desertion.

Finds Her Runaway Husband In Chicago After Long Chase

New York Woman, After a Hunt of 2,000 Miles, Encounters Her Long-Lost "Jim" in the Postoffice—Has Him Arrested on Charge of Desertion.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—After a search of six months, during which she has traveled nearly 2,000 miles in tracing her husband, who abandoned her, Mrs. May Harper, of New York caused his arrest in front of the postoffice.

"Hello, Jim," was the wife's salutation, as Harper stepped up to the general delivery window to inquire for mail.

"Howdy, May," was the runaway husband's reply. "Glad to see you, pet."

At that moment Detectives Bush and Murphy, of headquarters, who were hiding nearby, stepped from behind a pillar and placed Harper under arrest.

The wife had sworn out a warrant several days ago, charging wife abandonment, and before Harper could realize what happened he was in a cell at the Harrison street station.

The prisoner is twenty-nine years old. He was a special policeman in New York, when he married his wife last March. After two months, Harper, the wife alleged, ran away with \$4,000 of her money, which she gave him to invest.

Two weeks ago the wife learned that he was in Milwaukee. She came West, only to find that he had fled from the Wisconsin city the day before with a red-haired woman known as "Josephine."

WOMEN CONFESS
STEALING EVIDENCE

Scheme to Secure List of Contributors to Anti-Saloon League Nearly Succeeds.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—An alleged plot to get at the secret archives of the New York State Anti-Saloon League has been revealed through a confession made to the league's superintendent, Dr. Howard H. Russell, by Mrs. D. C. Hendricks, of Stratford, Conn., a former employee of the league.

In an affidavit made last Saturday at the league offices, 110 East 125th street, Mrs. Hendricks swore that she had been hired by Charles R. Mabey, of Detroit, to get a list of the 5,000 contributors to the league's crusade work. Superintendent Russell charges that Mabey had been working in conjunction with the Model License League of Detroit, which the anti-saloon league officials declare is friendly to the liquor interests.

The supposed plot to obtain the secret list, Superintendent Russell alleges, was inspired by a desire of the Model License League to reach the Anti-Saloon League contributors and influence them against aiding the liquor crusade.

Women Suspected. Dr. Russell said he heard two weeks ago that efforts were under way to obtain the secret records in the State league's office. He was told by a young woman stenographer of his staff was working on the lists and set a watch, but for several days he could get no clue.

His suspicions finally rested upon a young woman who, he noticed, had occasion to work late. Last Friday afternoon the girl was shadowed as she left the league's office after dark. She was trailed to 125th street and Lenox avenue, where she was seen to hand a roll of paper to Mrs. Hendricks, who was a stenographer for the league up to three months ago, when she resigned to be married.

Catspaw Confesses. Superintendent Russell said that night called upon the stenographer and she confessed she had been copying the list of contributors and that she had finished the work. She had handed Mrs. Hendricks various lists aggregating 3,000 names, she said, and the rest were to be delivered the next day. Superintendent Russell told the girl to send word to Mrs. Hendricks to call at the league office in the morning. This was done, and when Mrs. Hendricks appeared she was confronted with the confession of the stenographer.

Mrs. Hendricks broke down and admitted her part in the work. Her affidavit, which was drawn up before she left the office, she said that about five weeks ago she was visited at her home in Stratford by Mabey, who told her that an anti-liquor organization in the West was anxious to get the names of the league's supporters. He assured her, she swore, that no harm could come to the State League, as the organization that wished to get the list was entirely in sympathy with the crusade.

Mabey offered her \$5 a day and expenses to get the list for him. Mrs. Hendricks said, and she was authorized to offer \$10 a week to the stenographer, which she had intended leaving there until she secured the entire list of 5,000 names, when they were to be delivered to Mabey.

Superintendent Russell told Mrs. Hendricks that if she would restore the copies of the list to him he would not take any action against her, and this she readily assented to. She went with an official of the league to the Navarre and the various lists with the 3,000 names were turned over. Superintendent Russell said last night that he had consulted a lawyer concerning possible action against Mabey, but that nothing had been decided.

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DRIVEN FROM HOTEL, WOMAN WINS SUIT

Charge Was She Retired
With Husband Without
Registering.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Mrs. Mary L. Smith, wife of Edwin R. Smith, of Stamford, Conn., the New York manager of a typewriter manufacturing company, got a verdict for \$1,250 from a jury before Justice Erlanger. She had sued the proprietors of the Park Avenue Hotel for \$1,500 for ejecting her from that hotel in 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith testified that having dined at another hotel they went to the Park Avenue to visit a woman friend of Mrs. Smith. There Smith met Frank C. Smutzer and had a drink with him in the cafe. When Mrs. Smith came downstairs a snowstorm had set in and Smutzer extended the hospitality of his apartment to them, even to the extent of lending them his pajamas. While they were dressing they declared Mr. Reed and the house detective appeared at the door and ordered them to leave.

The hotel people set up as a defense that neither Mr. nor Mrs. Smith had registered according to law and that therefore the proprietors were justified in expelling them from the hotel and that the entire Smith party was boisterous and disorderly. This, however, the Smiths denied.

SOLDIER AND AUTHOR PLEAD FOR POLICEMAN

Coroner Dismisses Man When He
Hears of His Fine Army
Record.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—Pleas made in his behalf by Gen. Charles C. Wood, U. S. A., retired, under whom he had served in the army; by Owen Winter, the novelist, for whom he acted as a guide in the Far West, and by a number of other men prominent in business and official circles in the city, procured the discharge in the coroner's court of Policeman Charles D. Skirden, accused of wilfully killing John Bradley while the latter was trying to escape arrest.

General Wood, who had known Skirden fourteen years, said he was one of the best all-around soldiers the army ever had and Novelist Winter called him a man of cool judgment and gentle disposition.

SEEKS LOST RINGS. NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Hanna Haas, of 125 Riverside Drive, is trying to recover a solitaire diamond ring surrounded with rubies, two solitaires with sapphires, and one diamond-shaped diamond ring. Mrs. Haas thinks that she dropped the rings from her finger Thursday night in the lobby of Sherry's, where she was going with her husband for dinner.

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White Slave Trade

By EDWIN W. SIMS, U. S. District Attorney

An account of the prosecution of the "White Slave" traders who, Mr. Sims states, "Have reduced the art of ruining young girls to a national and international system." The calmest, simplest statements of its facts are almost beyond comprehension. The lives of the women of the ancient cave dwellers, clubbed and beaten insensible by brutal men, were to be preferred to the lives of these girls who are lured from loving homes to lives of vice. Do you know the White Slave trappers search the City and Country towns for their victims? Do you know that they go to Railway Stations and with *what wiles* they lure fair girls away? Do you know innocent girls are taken to the Restaurants of the underworld, plied with drugged wine and then sold—sold for money—into the clutches of merciless, pitiless beings. This article by the great District Attorney should be read by all. The Illinois Vigilance Association, whose object is "To Suppress Traffic in Women and Girls," wrote the Woman's World under date of November 18, 1907: "We thank you for the copies of the Woman's World. The article by Mr. Sims must do great good." The Rocky Mountain Rescue Home write: "We desire to ask permission to publish the article entitled 'The White Slave Trade of Today.' We desire to extend to you our personal thanks for the publication of this fearless article."

Madam, every woman should know; every man should know; every person should read these most appalling facts of the age, written by a man who has stood face to face with the poor, suffering girls, and who has talked with them, looked down into their hearts and read their misery. This man is United States District Attorney Sims, before whom comes the most pitiable cases of White Slavery ever recorded; the U. S. Government official who has made it his business to hunt down vice, has learned the story of life-misery from the lips of the girl slaves themselves, and now tells the facts as a warning to the public.

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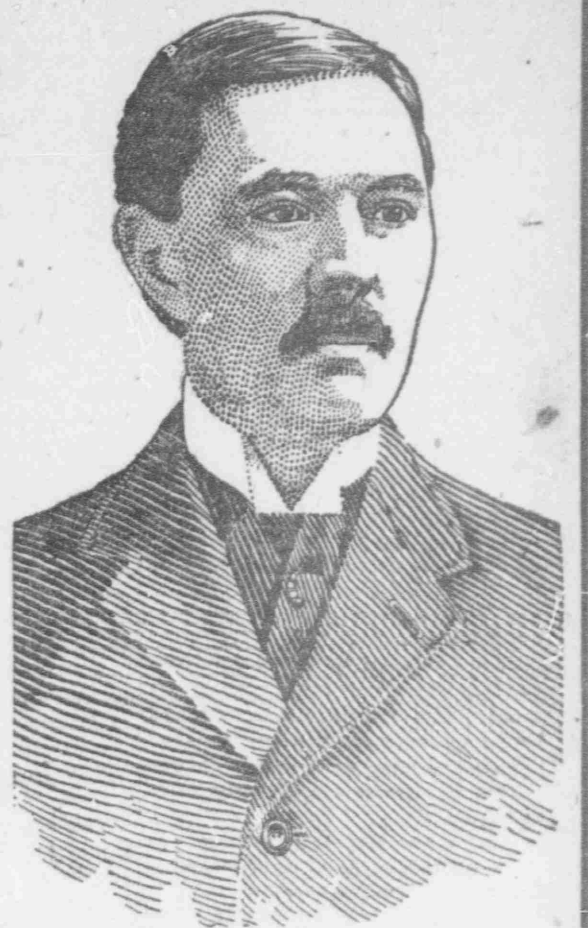
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As Mr. Sims says, thousands of girls from the country are entrapped each year, and he points out the pitiful fact that the parents of a great majority of these unfortunate are unaware of their fate. As a consequence of this state of public ignorance, the traffic proceeds unchecked save by the efforts of prosecuting officials, which are necessarily restricted and temporary in effect.

What is greatly needed as a supplement to vigorous prosecution of offenders is a campaign of education. Clergymen should take up this evil and instruct parents in their congregations as to the reality and extent of the danger. In small towns there is virtually no knowledge of this evil and how it manifests, and there is far too little even in cities.

The problem is enormous, but it can be solved largely by educational means. The responsibility for a broad and systematic campaign of enlightenment rests with the religious and social agencies now existent in every community—the churches, the women's clubs, the civic leagues, and associations. The press, too, should give a reputable publicity and exert its influence directly and on educational lines, to the end that the public may know the gravity of the evil and its conditions.

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